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vilest of tempers. His grim Scotch side face was like one of those grotesque afterwards that the emperor had said in jest that he would have sent him against Wellington in the south, but that he was afraid to trust him within sound of the pipes. Major Charpentier



He Was Standing at the Side of the Room.

and I could plainly see that he was smouldering with anger.
"Brigadier Gerard, of the Hussars," said he, with the air of the corporal

with the recruit. I saluted. "Major Charpentier, of the Horse

Grenadiers." My companion answered to his name

'The emperor has a mission for you.' Without more ado he flung open the

door and announced us. I have seen Napoleon ten times on horseback to once on foot, and I think that he does wisely to show himself to his troops in this fashlon, for he cuts a very good figure in the saddle. As we saw him now he was the shortest man | said he. out of six, by a good hand's breadth, hussar. It is evident, too, that his body is too long for his legs. With his big but I heard them both laughing. round head, his curved shoulders and Well, as you may think, we los

The duke of Tarentum, or McDonald, [lin." As we entered his aid-de-camp as his old comrades preferred to call advanced to us, but the emperor him, was, as I could perceive, in the stopped him, and beckoned us to his

"You have not yet received a cross door knockers which one sees in the Faubourg St. Germain. We heard I replied that I had not, and was about to add that it was not for one who hadn't deserved it, when he cut me short in his decided fashion.

"And you, major?" he asked.

"Then you shall both have your opportunity now."

He led us to the great map upon the wall, and placed the tip of Berthier's sword upon Rheims.

"I will be frank with you, gentlemen, as with two comrades. You have both been with me since Marengo, I believe." He had a strangely pleasant smile which used to light up his pale face with a kind of cold sunshine. "Here at Rheims are our present headquarters on this, the 14th of March. Very good. Here is Paris, distant by road a good twenty-five leagues. Blucher lies to the north, Schwarzenbury to the south." He prodded at the map with the sword

"Now," said he, "the further into the country these people march, the more completely I shall crush them. They are about to advance upon Paris. Very good. Let them do so. My brother, the king of Spain, will be there with a hundred thousand men. It is to him that I send you. You will hand him this letter, a copy of which I confide to each of you. It is to tell him that I am coming at once, in two day's time, with every man and horse and gun, to his relief. I must give them forty-eight he had wheeled his horse and was lumhours to recover. Then straight to Paris. You understand me, gentle- his big fur cap vanish over the brow

Ah, if I could tell you the glow of pride it gave me to be taken into the time to time I put my hand to the great man's confidence in this way. As he handed our letters to us I clicked crackle beneath my fingers. Ah; my my spurs and threw out my chest, smiling and nodding to let him know that I saw what he would be after. He smiled also and rested his hand for a from Braine to Sermoise I was thinkmoment upon the cape of my dolman. ing of what my mother would say when I would have given half my arrears of she saw it. pay if my mother could have seen me at that instant.

"I will show you your route," said he. turning back to the map. "Your orders rounded by old oaks, and with so many You will then separate, the one making for Paris by Oulchy and Neuilly, and that I learned that Marmont had fallen the other to the north by Braine, Soisto say, Brigadier Gerard?"

I am a rough soldier, but I have words and ideas. I had begun to speak about right and then, as darkness gathered, glory and the peril of France when he cut me short.

"And you, Major Charpentier?" "If we found our route unsafe, are we at liberty to choose another?"

"Soldiers do not choose. They obey." and yet I am not a very big man myself, He inclined his head to show that we though I ride quite heavy enough for a were dismissed and turned round to Berthier. I do not know what he said,

Well, as you may think, we lost lithis clean-shaven face, he is more like a tle time in getting upon our way. In professor at the Sorbonne than the half an hour we were riding down the first soldier of France. Every man to high street of Rheims, and it struck his tastes, but it seems to me that if I 12 o'clock as we passed the cathedral.



He Rode Like a Man Who Was Heavy with Thought.

could clap a pair of fine light cavalry | I had my little gray mare, Violette, the whiskers like my own onto him it

a man that is easily daunted, either. He was standing at the side of the room, away from the window, looking and legs like the posts. He is a hulkup at a great map of the country, which | ing fellow himself, so that they looked was hung upon the wall. Berthier a singular pair. And yet in his inane stood beside him trying to look wise, conceit he ogled the girls as they waved and just as we entered Napoleon snatched his sword impatiently from him, and pointed with it on the man, heard him say: "The valley of the addressed.

one which Sebastiani had wished to would do him no harm. He has a firm buy after Dresden. It is the fastest mouth, however, and his eyes are re- horse in the six brigades of light cavalmarkable. I have seen them once ry, and was only beaten by the duke turned upon me in anger, and I had of Rovigo's racer from England. As rather ride at a square on a spent to Charpentier he had the kind of horse than face them again. I am not horse which a horse grenadier or a curassier would be likely to ride, a

back like a bedstead, you understand, their handkerchiefs to me from the windows, and he twirled his ugly

then across the battlefield of yestersians. But of the two the camp was down as a deaf man. the sadder sight. Our army was thawing away. The guards were all right, with their officers looked like schooland 150,000 Prussians and Austrians to some. the south, it might make even the bravest man grave. For my own part confess that I shed a tear until the thought came that the emperor was still with us and that on that very morning he had placed his hand upon my dolman and had promised me a medal of honor. This set me singing and I spurred Violette on until Charpentier had to beg me to have mercy h his great snorting, panting camel. The road was beaten into paste and rutted two feet deep by the artillery, so that he was right in saying that it was not the place for a gallop.

I have never been very kindly with this Charpentier, and now for twenty miles of the way I could not draw a word from him. He rode with his brows puckered and his chin upon his breast like a man who is heavy with thought. More than once I asked him what was on his mind, thinking that perhaps with my quicker intelligence I might set the matter straight. His answer always was that it was his mis sion of which he was thinking, which surprised me, because, although I had never thought much of his intelli gence, still it seemed to me to be impossible that anyone could be puzzled by so simply and soldlerly a task.

Well, we came at last to Bazoches where he was to take the southern road and I the northern. He ball turned in his saddle before he left me and he looked at me with a singular expression of inquiry on his face. "What do you make of it, brigadier?"

ie asked. "Of what?"

"Of our mission." "Surely, it is plain enough."

"You think so? Why should the emperor tell us his plans?" "Because he recognized our intelli-

My companion laughed in a manne which I found annoying. "May I ask what you intend to do if you find these

villages full of Prussians?" he asked. "I shall obey my orders," "But you will be killed."

"Very possibly."

He laughed again and so offensively that I clapped my hand to my sword. But before I could tell him what I thought of his stupidity and rudeness bering away down the road. I saw of a hill, and then I rode upon my way wondering at his conduct. From breast of my tunic and felt the paper precious paper which should be turned into the little silver medal for which I

I stopped to give Violette a meal at a wayside auberge on the side of a hill not far from Soissons-a place surare to ride together as far as Bazoches. crows that one could scarce hear one's own voice. It was from the innkeeper back two days before and that the Prussians were over the Aisne. An hour later in the fading light I saw two of their vedettes upon a hill to the the heavens to the north were all glimmering from the lights of a bivouac.

When I heard that Blucher had been there for two days I was much surprised that the emperor should not have known that the country through which he had ordered me to carry my precious letter was already occupied by the enemy. Still I thought of the tone of his voice when he said to Charpentier that a soldier must not choose but must obey. I should follow the route he had laid down to me as long as Violette could move a hoof or I a finget upon her bridle. All the way from Sermoise to Soissons, where the road dips up and down, curving among fir woods, I kept my pistol ready and my sword belt braced, pushing on swiftly where the path was straight and then coming slowly around the corners in the way we learned in Spain.

When I came to the farmhouse which lies to the right of the road just after you cross the wooden bridge over the Crise, near where the great statue of the Virgin stands, a woman cried to me from the field saying the Prussians were in Solssons. A small party of their lancers, she said, had come on that very afternoon and a whole division was expected before midnight. I

flash of Violette's gray side and the black flutter of my cloak. A moment later I flew through a stream of them rushing from an open gateway. Violette's shoulder sent one of them reeling and I stabbed at another but missed

him. Pang, pang, went two carbines. but I had flown through the curve of the street and never so much as heard the hiss of the balls. Ah, we were great, both Violette and I. She lay down to it. like a coursed hare, the fire flying from her hoofs. I stood in my stirrups and brandished my sword. Some one sprang for my bridle. I sliced him brough the arm and I heard him howling behind me. Two horsemen closed upon me. I cut one down and outpaced the other. A minute later I was clear of the town and flying down a broad white road with the black poplars on either side. For a time I heard the rat tle of hoofs behind me, but they died and died until I could not tell them from the throbing of my own heart. Soon I pulled up and listened, but all was silent. They had given up the

chase Well, the first thing that I did was to dismount and to lead my mare into a small wood through which a stream ran. There I watered her and rubbed her down, giving her two pieces of sugar soaked in cognac from my flask. She was spent from the sharp chase, but it was wonderful to see how she came round with a half-hour's rest. When my thighs closed upon her again I could tell by the spring and swing of her that it would not be her fault if I

did not win my way safe to Paris, I must have been well within the enemy's lines now, for I heard a number of them shouting one of their rough drinking songs out of a house by the roadside, and I went round by the fields to avoid it. At another time two red mustache up into his eyes, just as if men came out into the moonlight (for He was talking fast and low, but I it were to him their attention was by this time it was a cloudless night) and shouted something in German, but Meuse," and twice he repeated : "Ber- When we came out of the town we I galloped on without heeding them

passed through the French camp and and they were afraid to fire, for their own hussars are dressed exactly as day, which was still covered both by was. It is best to take no notice at our own poor fellows and by the Prus- these times and then they put you

It was a lovely moon and every tree threw a black bar across the road. I though the young guard was full of could see the country side just as if it conscripts. The artillery and the heavy were daytime, and very peaceful it cavalry were also good if there were looked, save that there was a great fire more of them, but the infantry privates | raging somewhere in the north. In the silence of the night time and with the boys with their masters. And we had knowledge that danger was in front no reserves. When one considered that there were \$0,000 Prussians to the north distant fire was very striking and awe-

[To Be Continued.] TURNING A NEW LEAF.

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On New Year's Eve, a band of brothers, The Bear, the Wolf, the Fox, and others, Of every nature, bad and good, Assembled in a darksome wood.

That dreary, cold, December night, While limbs were weighted down with And frost was bridging streams below.

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